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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : ONO, Toshinori et al.

SERIAL NO. : Unassigned

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FOR : MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
SAME AND MAGNETIC DISK APPARATUS

ART UNIT : 1773 (Anticipated)

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application the Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Before the first line on page 1, insert the following:

-- This is a divisional of U.S. Serial Application No. 09/382,703, filed August 23, 1999. --

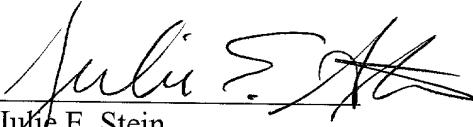
**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to claim priority of copending Serial No. 09/392,703 of which this is a divisional.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any information concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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